

SENATE JOURNAL.

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FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Monday, April 12, 1909.

In obedience to the proclamation of His Excellency, T. M. Campbell, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the Thirty-first Legislature in Special Session this, the 12th day of April, 1909, the Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

W. N. Adams of Brown county, representing District No. 26, composed of the counties of Erath, Comanche, Mills, San Saba, McCulloch, Concho, Runnels, Coleman, Brown and Llano.

D. M. Alexander of Parker county, representing District No. 30, composed of the counties of Tarrant, Parker, Hood and Somervell.

Charles L. Brachfield of Rusk county, representing District No. 8, composed of the counties of Harrison, Rusk, Panola, Shelby and Gregg.

R. E. Cofer of Cooke county, representing District No. 4, composed of the counties of Grayson and Cooke.

W. J. Greer of Van Zandt county, representing District No. 7, composed of the counties of Wood, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Camp.

A. J. Harper of Limestone county, representing District No. 12, composed of the counties of Limestone, Freestone, Robertson and Brazos.

J. P. Hayter of Wise county, representing District No. 31, composed of the counties of Denton, Wise and Montague.

C. B. Hudspeth of El Paso county, representing District No. 25, composed of the counties of Kimble, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Irion, Pecos, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, El Paso, Val Verde, Edwards, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Zavala, Reeves, Maverick, Mason, Crockett, Reagan and Terrell.

F. Charles Hume, Jr., of Harris county, representing District No. 16, composed of the counties of Harris, Fort Bend and Waller.

E. I. Kellie of Jasper county, representing District No. 14, composed of the counties of Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine, Newton, Jasper, Tyler, Liberty, Hardin, Orange and Jefferson.

Thomas W. Masterson of Galveston county, representing District No. 17, composed of the counties of Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda and Wharton.

McDonald Meachum of Grimes county, representing District No. 15, composed of the counties of Leon, Madison, Grimes, Montgomery, Walker, San Jacinto and Polk.

W. O. Murray of Wilson county, representing District No. 22, composed of the counties of Jackson, Calhoun, Victoria, DeWitt, Goliad, Refugio, Bee, Live Oak, Karnes, Wilson, Frio, Aransas and Atascosa.

D. A. Paulus of Lavaca county, representing District No. 18, composed of the counties of Colorado, Lavaca, Fayette and Austin.

John L. Peeler of Travis county, representing District No. 20, composed of the counties of Williamson, Travis, Burnet and Lampasas.

Tom W. Perkins of Collin county, representing District No. 5, composed of the counties of Collin, Hunt and Rains.

Julius Real of Kerr county, representing District No. 24, composed of the counties of Bexar, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr and Gillespie.

C. C. Stokes of Houston county, representing District No. 13, composed of the counties of Anderson, Cherokee, Houston, Angelina and Trinity.

J. M. Terrell of Bowie county, representing District No. 1, composed of the counties of Bowie, Cass, Marion and Morris.

H. B. Terrell of McLennan county, representing District No. 11, composed of the counties of McLennan, Falls and Milam.

H. Bascom Thomas of Hopkins coun-

ty, representing District No. 2, composed of the counties of Red River, Titus, Franklin, Hopkins and Delta.

J. W. Veale of Potter county, representing District No. 29, composed of the counties of Jack, Young, Throckmorton, Clay, Archer, Wichita, Wilbarger, Baylor, Knox, Foard, Hardeman, King, Dickens, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Crosby, Childress, Hall, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Gray, Carson, Potter, Oldham, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Hansford, Sherman and Dallam.

Pierce B. Ward of Johnson county, representing District No. 10, composed of the counties of Ellis, Johnson and Hill.

Q. U. Watson of Lee county, representing District No. 19, composed of the counties of Washington, Burleson, Lee and Bastrop.

F. C. Weinert of Guadalupe county, representing District No. 21, composed of the counties of Gonzales, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Comal, Hays and Blanco.

John G. Willacy of Nueces county, representing District No. 23, composed of the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Duval, Nueces, McMullen, San Patricio, Dimmit and La Salle.

Absent.

W. J. Bryan of Taylor county, representing District No. 28, composed of the counties of Palo Pinto, Stephens, Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Glasscock, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Gaines, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Dawson, Borden, Garza, Kent, Scurry, Fisher, Stonewall, Haskell, Jones and Shackelford.

W. R. Holsey of Navarro county, representing District No. 9, composed of the counties of Navarro, Henderson and Kaufman.

E. B. Mayfield of Bosque county, representing District No. 27, composed of the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton and Bosque.

E. G. Senter of Dallas county, representing District No. 6, composed of the counties of Dallas and Rockwall.

B. B. Sturgeon of Lamar county, representing District No. 3, composed of the counties of Fannin and Lamar.

Prayer by the Chaplain of the Regular and First Called Sessions, Rev. H. M. Sears.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following temporary officers:

Secretary, Clyde D. Smith; Journal Clerk, R. M. Gilmore; Sergeant-at-Arms, M. F. Hornbuckle; Calendar Clerk, W. E. DeLamar; Doorkeeper, Ben S. Rogers.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The Chair announced that the Senate would proceed to permanent organization by the election of officers, whereupon

Senator Hudspeth placed in nomination for President Pro Tem. of the ensuing term of the Senate, Senate W. O. Murray of Wilson county.

The nomination was seconded by Senators Weinert, Perkins and Cofer.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed.

Senators Cofer, Perkins and Meachum were appointed as tellers to count all ballots.

Senator Murray received 23 votes, all the votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Senators Hudspeth, Stokes and Hume were requested to escort Senator Murray to the President's stand.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Davidson, administered the constitutional oath of office to the newly elected President Pro Tem.

The Chair then introduced Senator Murray to the Senate, who thanked the Senate for the honor conferred on him and the confidence so shown.

Senator Brachfield made all nominations for officers of the Senate, except that of President Pro Tem., as follows:

Nominations for Secretary being in order, Clyde D. Smith of Wichita county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Smith received 24 votes, all the votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Journal Clerk being in order, R. M. Gilmore of Van Zandt county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Gilmore received 24 votes, all the votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations being in order for Sergeant-at-Arms, M. F. Hornbuckle of Bosque county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Hornbuckle received 21 votes, all the votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Calendar Clerk being in order, W. E. DeLamar of Rusk county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. DeLamar received 24 votes, all the votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Secretary being in order, J. R. Waties of Harris county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Waties received 25 votes, all the votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Journal Clerk being in order, J. R. Johnson of Red River county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Johnson received 25 votes, all the votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms being in order, D. F. Hughes of Limestone county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Hughes received 25 votes, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations being in order for Doorkeeper, Ben S. Rogers of Washington county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Rogers received 23 votes, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations being in order for Assistant Doorkeeper, E. L. Dreeben of Howard county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Dreeben received 25 votes, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Enrolling Clerk being in order, M. P. Kelly of Denton county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Kelly received 23 votes, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations being in order for En-grossing Clerk, F. P. Smith of Cooke county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Smith received 23 votes, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Chaplain being in order, Rev. H. M. Sears was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Rev. Sears received 23 votes, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Brachfield:

Resolved, That the officers and employes of the Senate receive as compensation the sum of \$5.00 per day, except pages and porters, who shall receive \$2.00 per day.

The resolution was read and adopted.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Murray:

Be it resolved by the Senate, That the President of the Senate appoint a committee of three Senators, and that it shall be the duty of such committee when so appointed to make recommendations to the Senate of the employes necessary to be employed during the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature.

Senator Terrell of McLennan offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, That all the appointive and elective employes of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Senate be and are hereby retained as employes of the Second Called Session.

Terrell of McLennan, Hudspeth, Watson, Ward, Perkins, Real, Willacy, Alexander, Kellie, Paulus, Hume, Adams, Senter, Harper, Greer, Hayter, Mayfield, Masterson, Bryan, Meachum, Cofer, Peeler.

Senator Alexander moved the previous question on the substitute, which motion being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The substitute resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Adams.	Meachum.
Alexander.	Paulus.
Cofer.	Peeler.
Greer.	Perkins.
Hayter.	Real.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of McLennan
Hume.	Ward.
Kellie.	Watson.
Masterson.	Willacy.

Nays—6.

Brachfield.	Terrell of Bowie.
Murray.	Thomas.
Stokes.	Weinert.

Absent.

Bryan.	Senter.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Holsey.	Veale.
Mayfield.	

Senator Stokes offered the following amendment to the substitute:

Amend the resolution by adding thereto the name of Miss Ola Hillyer as assistant enrolling and comparing clerk.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Adams.	Peeler.
Alexander.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Hudspeth.	Stokes.
Hume.	Terrell of McLennan.
Kellie.	Ward.
Masterson.	Watson.
Meachum.	Willacy.
Paulus.	

Nays—7.

Brachfield.	Terrell of Bowie.
Greer.	Thomas.
Hayter.	Weinert.
Murray.	

Absent.

Bryan.	Senter.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Holsey.	Veale.
Mayfield.	

The resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Adams.	Meachum.
Alexander.	Paulus.
Cofer.	Peeler.
Greer.	Perkins.
Hayter.	Real.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hume.	Ward.
Kellie.	Watson.
Masterson.	Willacy.

Nays—6.

Brachfield.	Terrell of Bowie.
Murray.	Thomas.
Stokes.	Weinert.

Absent.

Bryan.	Senter.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Holsey.	Veale.
Mayfield.	

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Alexander:

Resolved, That the rules of the Reg-

ular Session of the Thirty-first Legislature be adopted for the government of this Special Session.

The resolution was read and adopted.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

The Chair assigned Senator Thomas to the following committees: Judiciary No. 1; Constitutional Amendments; Public Debt, Claims and Accounts; Counties and County Boundaries; Federal Relations; Treasurer's and Comptroller's Department, and Chairman of Committee on Privileges and Elections.

OATH OF OFFICE TO OFFICERS.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Davidson, here administered the constitutional oath of office to all the elective officers, except the President Pro Tem, who was formerly sworn in.

NOTIFICATION COMMITTEES.

Senator Terrell of Bowie moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three Senators to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready for business, and Senator Cofer made a like motion for a committee to notify the Governor. Both motions were adopted, and the Chair made the following appointments:

To notify the House: Senators Terrell of Bowie, Terrell of McLennan and Masterson.

To notify the Governor: Senators Cofer, Weinert and Adams.

Pending a short delay, both committees made their reports and were discharged, and the Senate proceeded to business.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Executive Office,
State of Texas.

I, T. M. Campbell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby call a Special Session of the Thirty-first Legislature to convene in the city of Austin, Texas, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, April 12, 1909, for the following purposes, to-wit:

1. To make appropriations for the support of the State Government and

State institutions for the two years beginning September 1st, 1909, and for other purposes usually covered by appropriation bills, and to observe proper economy in making such appropriations.

2. To make appropriations for the payment of deficiencies.

3. To enact laws providing for the prompt establishment of an effective system for the guaranty for the deposits of the State banks of Texas, and to provide for all necessary supervision, examination and control of all banking corporations and banks doing business in this State, except national banks.

4. To consider and act upon such other matters as may hereafter be presented, pursuant to Section 40, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at Austin, Texas, this, the 11th day of April, A. D. 1909.

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

EXCUSED.

On account of business:

Senator Sturgeon, for all of this week, on motion of Senator Peeler.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Willacy:

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay the per diem and mileage of members and per diem pay of officers and employes of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 12, 1909, by proclamation of the Governor."

Read first time, and referred to the Finance Committee.

By Senator Willacy:

Senate bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to defray the contingent expense of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, convened on April 12, 1909, by proclamation of the Governor."

Read first time, and referred to the Finance Committee.

By Senator Willacy:

Senate bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation for the support of the State Government for two years, beginning September 1, 1909, and ending August 31, 1911, and for other purposes."

Read first time, and referred to the Finance Committee.

By Senator Alexander:

Senate bill No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a State Banking Board; to define its powers and duties; to provide for a depositors' guaranty fund under the supervision of said board, and fixing the conditions and terms by which banks and trust companies may avail their depositors of the benefit of said fund; fixing the amounts to be paid for the creation of said fund and the manner and time of payments; fixing the manner of management and administration of said fund; authorizing certain advertising privileges to such banks, and providing a penalty for the unauthorized use of such advertising privileges; providing for savings departments for State banks and fixing penalties for the violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By unanimous consent, Senator Willacy presented committee reports on Senate bills Nos. 1 and 2. (See Appendix for same.)

SENATE BILL NO. 1.

Senator Willacy called up Senate bill No. 1 and moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and the bill be put on its second reading.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Adams.
Alexander.
Brachfield.
Cofer.
Harper.
Hayter.
Hudspeth.
Hume.
Kellie.

Masterson.
Meachum.
Murray.
Paulus.
Peeler.
Perkins.
Real.
Terrell of Bowie.
Terrell of McLennan.

Thomas. Weinert.
Veale. Willacy.
Watson.

Absent.

Bryan. Senter.
Greer. Stokes.
Holsey. Ward.
Mayfield.

Absent—Excused.

Sturgeon.

(President Pro Tem. Murray in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Willacy, the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended, for the purpose of considering this bill (see Appendix for committee report), by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Masterson.	Weinert.
Meachum.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Bryan.	Senter.
Greer.	Stokes.
Holsey.	Ward.
Mayfield.	

Absent—Excused.

Sturgeon.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay the per diem and mileage of members and per diem of officers and employees of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 12, 1909, by proclamation of the Governor."

On motion of Senator Willacy, the committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Senator Terrell of McLennan made the point of order on the bill, that the Senate could not pay the mileage of any member by this bill, contending

that that appropriation would have to be made by special bill; that the member entitled to mileage was sworn in during the First Called Session, etc.

The Chair overruled the point of order.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Willacy, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Meachum.	Weinert.
Murray.	Willacy.

Absent.

Bryan.	Mayfield.
Holsey.	Senter.
Masterson.	Ward.

Absent—Excused.

Sturgeon.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Meachum.	Weinert.
Murray.	Willacy.

Absent.

Bryan.	Mayfield.
Holsey.	Senter.
Masterson.	Ward.

Absent—Excused.

Sturgeon.

Senator Willacy moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 2.

Senator Willacy called up Senate bill No. 2, and moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and the bill be put on its second reading.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Meachum.	Weinert.
Murray.	Willacy.

Absent.

Bryan.	Mayfield.
Holsey.	Senter.
Masterson.	Ward.

Absent—Excused.

Sturgeon.

On motion of Senator Willacy, the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended, for the purpose of considering this bill (see Appendix for committee report), by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Meachum.	Weinert.
Murray.	Willacy.

Absent.

Bryan.	Mayfield.
Holsey.	Senter.
Masterson.	Ward.

Absent—Excused.

Sturgeon.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading

Senate bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to defray the contingent expense of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, convened on April 12, 1909, by proclamation of the Governor."

The committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Willacy, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Meachum.	Weinert.
Murray.	Willacy.

Absent.

Bryan.	Mayfield.
Holsey.	Senter.
Masterson.	Ward.

Absent—Excused.

Sturgeon.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hayter.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Hume.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Meachum.	Weinert.
Murray.	Willacy.

Absent.

Bryan. Mayfield.
Holsey. Senter.
Masterson. Ward.

Absent—Excused.

Sturgeon.

Senator Willacy moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.
The motion to table prevailed.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Hudspeth:

Resolved by the Senate, That the Lieutenant Governor and each Senator be allowed to subscribe for five daily newspapers, to be paid for at the rate of 75 cents per month for those papers that come to the Senate through the Senate Postoffice, and 90 cents per month for those delivered from the train or by hand.

TERRELL of Bowie,
PEELER,
HUDSPETH,
WATSON.

Senator Terrell of Bowie moved the previous question on the resolution, which motion being duly seconded, was so ordered by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Adams.	Real.
Hudspeth.	Stokes.
Hume.	Terrell of Bowie.
Kellie.	Terrell of
Murray.	McLennan.
Paulus.	Watson.
Peeler.	Weinert.
Perkins.	Willacy.

Nays—9.

Alexander.	Hayter.
Brachfield.	Meachum.
Cofer.	Thomas.
Greer.	Veale.
Harper.	

Absent.

Bryan. Mayfield.
Holsey. Senter.
Masterson. Ward.

Absent—Excused.

Sturgeon.

The resolution was then adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Kellie moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Senator Hume moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Action being on the longest time first, the motion to adjourn until Thursday was adopted.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, April 12, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Finance Committee, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 12, 1909, by proclamation of the Governor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Willacy, Chairman; Meachum, Terrell of Bowie, Harper, Paulus, Brachfield, Weinert, Peeler, Murray.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, April 12, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Finance Committee, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay the per diem pay and mileage of members and per diem pay of officers and employes of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 12, 1909, by proclamation of the Governor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we report same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Willacy, Chairman; Meachum, Terrell of Bowie, Harper, Paulus, Brachfield, Weinert, Peeler, Murray.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 12, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay the per diem and mileage of members and per diem pay of officers and employees of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 12, 1909, by proclamation of the Governor,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

HAYTER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 12, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to defray the contingent expense of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, convened on April 12, 1909, by proclamation of the Governor,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

HAYTER, Acting Chairman.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Perkins:

Telegram.

McKinney, Texas, April 12, 1909.

Hon. Tom W. Perkins, Senator, Austin, Texas:

Congratulations upon your bold stand for the freedom of the people against the office-hunting politicians.

Signed—Sims, Fant, Kirkpatrick, Graham, Anderson, White, Goodner, Warden, White, Newsome, Crouch, Heard, Lovejoy, Smith, Burrus.

SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Thursday, April 15, 1909.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson presiding.

The roll was called, no quorum pres-

ent, the following answering to their names:

Adams.	Meachum.
Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Cofer.	Peeler.
Greer.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Terrell of Bowie.
Holsey.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Veale.
Kellie.	Ward.
Masterson.	Watson.

Absent.

Bryan.	Senter.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Hume.	Terrell of McLennan.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
Perkins.	Willacy.
Real.	

There being no quorum present, Senator Hudspeth moved that the Senate stand at ease for fifteen minutes, and

Senator Cofer moved that the Senate recess until 11:15 o'clock today.

Senator Watson moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Action being on the longest time first, the motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—4.

Adams.	Kellie.
Hudspeth.	Watson.

Nays—16.

Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Cofer.	Peeler.
Greer.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Terrell of Bowie.
Holsey.	Thomas.
Masterson.	Veale.
Meachum.	Ward.

Absent.

Bryan.	Senter.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Hume.	Terrell of McLennan.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
Perkins.	Willacy.
Real.	

The motion to recess until 11:15 o'clock was then adopted.

AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Davidson.